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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Creation of a Low Power Radio Service;
MM Docket No. 99-25, RM-9208; RM-9242

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of United States Member of Congress Steven R. Rothman, are five copies of his letter submitted in response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the above-referenced proceeding. The original letter has been delivered to the Commission's Chairman concurrently.

In the event that there are questions concerning this matter, please communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,



Charles R. Naftalin

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The Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to express my views regarding the Federal Communications Commission's possible creation of a new class of low power FM (LPFM) radio stations. I have several comments regarding this rulemaking.

First, I believe that existing FM translators in counties where there is no licensed or allocated commercial FM station should be given the opportunity to immediately begin broadcasting with local origination. In addition, these FM translator stations should be required to comply with the same non-technical rules which apply to full power FM stations.

Next, these translators should be allowed to increase power to LPFM100 or LPFM1000 status using a directional antenna, if necessary, to maximize coverage into the under served county. Also, such licensed FM translators should not be required to protect second or third channel adjacent FM stations when upgrading to LPFM status.

Finally, all licensed translators should receive "grandfather status" to protect them from interference from any new LPFM station.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Rothman
Member of Congress

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